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COLLEGEVILLE, PA., THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 1915.

THE "HOME PAPER" OF THE MIDDLE SECTION OF PROSPEROUS MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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WHOLE NUMBER, 2091.

About Town Notes

Miss Lillian Swartz, of Philadelphia, is spending some time at Stenger's hotel.

Hotel Weiss was crowded over the week end.

Mr. Whitman and Mrs. Lentz, of Birdsboro, spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Wall.

Dr. and Mrs. Carson attended the picnic given by the Homoeopathic Hospital of Pottstown on Tuesday.

Mr. Ralph Walt spent the week end at the home of his parents.

Mrs. Sponser is entertaining friends from Elizabethtown, Pa.

Miss Margaret Himes of Norristown is spending some time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Bartman.

Mr. John Beck, of Philadelphia, spent a few days during the past week at Hotel Weiss.

Mrs. F. M. Dedaker and children are in Philadelphia for an indefinite stay.

Warren Thompson, of Philadelphia, was renewing acquaintances in town on Saturday.

Mrs. Charles Michener and Mrs. Helen Harlan, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mrs. John Barrett on Tuesday.

Miss Leona Weiss spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Louella Hill spent Tuesday with Camp Hudo and accompanied a straw ride in the evening.

Dr. Wm. Hill is convalescing from a recent illness.

Mr. Charles Gross of Philadelphia was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Allan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Freed, Mr. Harvey Stelz and Miss Julia Yost motored to Atlantic City and spent Saturday and Sunday there.

Mr. and Mrs. Ammerman, of Philadelphia, were the week end guests of Mrs. Sponser.

Miss Mae Culbert spent Saturday and Sunday with her father, Dr. Culbert.

Mrs. Schmidt and Mrs. Speaker, of Philadelphia, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer on Monday and Tuesday.

Mrs. Title and son, of Germantown, spent several days as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Bauer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hallman, of Norristown were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hallman on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Ebert and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Hendricks motored to Gettysburg, Frederick, Hagerstown, Harpers Ferry, Baltimore and Washington during the past week.

Miss Elizabeth Laehman is spending her vacation at Asbury Park.

Dr. and Mrs. Cornish, Mrs. Rauch, and Louis Cornish will leave on August 23 for points in the West and the Panama Exposition, and will return about September 24.

Miss Cora Dannehower of York is spending several days as the guest of Miss Augusta Homer.

Miss Mabel Beck of Philadelphia spent several days visiting relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Radcliffe of Bryn Mawr spent the week end at the home of Mr. T. B. Wilson.

Miss Mary Bartman is visiting friends in Onida.

Miss Berda Bossert of Norristown was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Essig.

Miss Mary Bomberger of Norristown spent Saturday and Sunday as the guest of Miss Spangler.

Mrs. Ramhaus, of Reading, is spending some time at the home of her son on Fifth avenue.

Miss Marie Clamer entertained the Theatrical Club on Monday evening.

Engagement Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Clamer of Collegeville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Anna Marie Clamer to Mr. G. Walker Kelley, of Philadelphia. The announcement was made in the presence of a number of invited guests at a luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Clamer on Monday, August 9. The color scheme was yellow and white, with a profusion of flowers. Miss Clamer received the best wishes of all present.

Open Air Suffrage Meeting.

An open air meeting under direction of the Norristown and Collegeville Woman Suffrage Association will be held next Saturday evening on the grounds of the James S. Welsh school, Sandy street, Norristown. The meeting will commemorate the birth of Lucy Stone, one of the pioneer suffragists of the United States who made the first protest against the paying of taxes by women without a voice in government affairs. Several speakers will address the meeting.

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed, it swells and shuts out the air, and deafness is the result. It is entirely curable, if caught early, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed. Nine cases out of ten are cured by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness, caused by Catarrh, that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars free.

F. J. CHERNEY & CO., Toledo, O.
Sold by druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

The Death Roll

Isabella Biggam.
Isabella Biggam died Friday evening at her home at Betzwood, aged 46 years. Three brothers survive—James and Robert of Betzwood, and David Biggam of Norristown. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 2 p. m. Interment at Port Kennedy Presbyterian cemetery; undertaker J. L. Bechtel in charge.

James E. Fairbanks.
James E. Fairbanks, of Camden, N. J., formerly of Charleston, N. H., died suddenly Tuesday afternoon at Spring Mount, aged about 70 years. He was engaged as a traveling agent. While doing business with A. T. Allebach he fell over and in a few minutes expired. Undertaker Shalko forwarded the remains to Charleston, N. H., Thursday morning.

FARM BOYS' HIKE.

A. K. Rothenberger, Manager of the Farm Bureau of Montgomery was on a hike with 23 farm boys beginning of this week. Mr. Rothenberger and the bright looking lads in his charge tarried briefly in this borough, Monday, and then proceeded to the farm of Moses Gottschall, Schwenksville, where they were entertained for the night. The next morning they headed toward Pennsburg, halting here and there to get object lessons in farming methods and results. A pleasant and instructive outing for the boys. Full report of the hike later.

Open Meeting of Alumni Association.

An open meeting of the Upper Providence Alumni Association will be held in the Menonite schoolhouse, near York, on Saturday evening, August 14, 1915. The committee urges all members to be present to at least show their loyalty to their alma mater and enjoy the program which has been arranged. The leading attraction will be the presence of Ma Sweet and her wonderful daughters. Each one is especially gifted with certain talent and they will give their best exhibition. So come and meet them. The program is as follows: Instructional duet—Miss Cora Dannehower and Mrs. H. S. Yeager; recitation—Miss Edna Gotschall; address—Mr. Wilbur McKee; a burlesque musical entertainment, "The Sweet Family."

Rain! Rain! Rain!!!

July, 1915, was a month of many rainfalls, and during the first six days of the present month there was a total of 4.24 inches, about the normal rainfall for the entire month. On Saturday and Sunday there was more rain and the indications are that there will be half a dozen more showers ere the end of the week. Weather experts are at loss to account for the excessive moisture and can give no assurance when the wet, wet season will end.

Peach and Ice Cream Festival at Evansburg.

A peach and ice cream festival will be held under the auspices of St. James' church choir in the grove of St. James' Episcopal church, Evansburg, on Saturday afternoon and evening, August 21. Peaches, ice cream, home-made cakes and candies, soft drinks, and other good things will be on sale. Excellent band music will be one of the attractive features of the coming festival.

Chicken Farm Purchased.

Peter Staab of Philadelphia has purchased through Wilson's Farm Agency the 20-acre chicken farm, belonging to Jennie V. Young of Detroit, Michigan, located 1 1/2 miles west of Graterford for \$2400. Mr. Staab will move to the farm about August 23 and Mr. Stedz who lives thereon will move to Detroit, Michigan.

Bridge at Arcola to be Repaired.

The Commissioners advertise in another column for proposals for the placing a new shingle roof on the county bridge at Arcola. It is understood that the bridge will be repainted before the snows of another winter. The bridge is much in need of both shingles and paint, and the action of the Commissioners is therefore entirely worth while.

Fined For Cruelty to Horse.

Samuel Koberlink, in the employ of Charles Ziegenthaler of Glenwood Hall, was arraigned before 'Squire Yost on Thursday, charged with cruelty to a horse, after he had been warned to restrain himself from inflicting such cruelty. The 'Squire imposed a fine of \$10 and costs amounting to \$19.15.

Meeting of Funeral Directors' Association.

A monthly meeting of the Funeral Directors' Association of Montgomery county was held at Perkiomen Bridge hotel Tuesday evening. There was a banquet at 7 o'clock, followed by a business session. Harry McGonigal, of Ardmore, presided.

Tired, Aching Muscles Relieved.

Hard work, over-exertion, mean stiff, sore muscles, Sloan's Liniment lightly applied, a little quiet, and your soreness disappears like magic. "Nothing ever helped me like Sloan's Liniment. I can never enjoy a free easy, bowed movement, and feel like a child." writes one of our grateful users. An excellent counter-irritant, betters and cures all rheumatism. All Druggists, 25c. Get a bottle to-day. Penetrates without rubbing.

THE COLLEGEVILLE ASSEMBLY OF 1915 CLOSES A SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the weather during the past week the Collegeville Assembly drew a large number of people to its different sessions. The program during the latter half of the week was as strong as the beginning and those who attended were well pleased with what they heard. Dr. Wallis concluded a series of lectures on certain portions of the Bible, which were much appreciated. Rev. B. Fay Mills' addresses on "Why I Returned to the Church" were heard with interest and whilst most of those who heard them did not doubt his sincerity there was an interrogation point in the minds of many as to his state of mind. Dr. Martin's addresses were forceful and to the point. Single addresses by Dr. Burns, Dr. Kresge, Rev. J. N. LeVan, Rev. R. S. Snyder and Rev. H. F. J. Sevelkes were all well received.

The tone and character of the entire week was good. The people who were in attendance were intellectually and spiritually stimulated and the atmosphere of the week was such as to make people wish to come again. The music directed by George B. C. Thomas was inspiring. The grand concert on Saturday evening brought one of the largest crowds that at any time assembled in Bomberger Hall. The program rendered by a junior choir of 150 voices and a senior choir of 100 voices was much enjoyed. The different exercises and drills by the children and adult members of the church gave a variety which was delightfully pleasing.

To show their appreciation of the work of the Assembly the guests, both from the community and those from a distance, contributed most liberally toward meeting the cost of this year's work and toward liquidating an obligation which had hung over from former years. The management expresses its appreciation of the liberality of the friends who have so willingly assisted in this work and feel much relieved that the obligations can now be met. Plans have already been laid for the 1916 Assembly which will convene on July 31 and close on August 6.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE.

Under the auspices of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions of the Reformed Church five missionary conferences are being held in different sections of the church this year. Four of these have already been held and the fifth is now in session at Ursinus College. Before all the attendants of the Assembly had left, the delegates to the missionary conference began to arrive. The conference lasts from August 9 to 16 and is attended by people from Lebanon, Reading, Allentown, Philadelphia and the smaller towns in this part of the State. The conference is organized into classes and regular class-room work is done each morning. The afternoon is given to recreation and the evening to popular lectures on some phase of mission work. The evening lectures are open to the public and are free.

On Monday evening the opening service was held after which the

Missionary Society of Trinity church gave a reception to the delegates in Freeland Hall. On Tuesday evening Dr. David B. Schneider, president of North Japan College at Sendai, gave an address on "Present Conditions in Japan." On Wednesday evening Dr. William F. Adams, medical missionary to China, of Yochow, China, gave an address. This evening Dr. Paul H. Land, harbor missionary, will give an illustrated lecture on "Ellis Island." On Friday evening the Rev. E. E. Calverly of the Arabian Mission of the Reformed Church in America will give an illustrated lecture on "The Moslem World," and on Saturday evening Miss Gertrude M. Cogan will speak on "Woman's Work." A full day's program has been prepared for Sunday. The morning sermon will be preached by the Rev. William C. Schaeffer, D. D., of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster. In the evening a young people's rally will be held at which Dr. J. M. S. Isenberg will make the address.

Reunion of Bechtel Family Association.

The annual reunion of the Bechtel Family Association will be held at the Hereford Mennonite church, Bally, Pa., on Saturday, September 11, 1915. J. L. Bechtel, of Collegeville, is treasurer of the Association.

County Home Affairs.

The Directors of the Poor have been purchasing cows to take the place of those condemned on account of the foot and mouth disease, and there are now 49 cows on the county home farm. During July they produced 9407 pounds of milk and 761 pounds of butter. The chickens on the farm laid 157 dozen eggs. There are 158 inmates in the home; four women and four men died during the month.

Meeting of Homoeopathic Medical Society.

A meeting of the Tri-County Homoeopathic Medical Society was held at the Pottstown Hospital on Tuesday. The attendance was large and several interesting papers were read and discussed. Those constituting the committee in charge of the meeting were Drs. Rossiter, Shupe, Corson and Cooley.

Pimples, Skin Blemishes, Eczema Cured

No odds how serious, how long standing your case, there's help for you in every bottle of Dr. Hobson's Eczema Ointment. It wipes out all trace of your ailment, and leaves your skin clean and soft as a child's. Hundreds of users have sent voluntary letters of thanks. Just try one box. It will mean freedom from suffering and embarrassment.

COMMISSIONERS RAISED APPROPRIATION FOR FARM BUREAU.

Members of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau met the Board of County Commissioners at Norristown on Friday afternoon for the purpose of securing an increase of the county's appropriation to the Bureau from \$1000 to \$1500. The Commissioners were informed as to the work being accomplished by the Bureau, under the efficient supervision of Manager A. K. Rothenberger, and as to the urgent need of more funds in carrying on the work. The Commissioners, after hearing the reasonable statements submitted for their consideration, rightly decided to make the county's appropriation \$1500 for the year 1916. This is the full amount that can be appropriated from county funds, and Montgomery county is now abreast with a number of other counties of the State in giving practical aid to the agricultural interests of the county.

DEATH OF CHARLES HEBER CLARK.

Charles Heber Clark, the distinguished author and political economist of Conshohocken, died at Eaglesmere on Tuesday, aged 75 years. He had been in failing health since last Christmas. He is survived by his second wife and several sons and daughters. Mr. Clark was a gifted writer of fiction and for many years a regular and very prominent contributor to the economic literature of the Republic. He took much interest in educational matters, and gave constant attention to the moral and material interests of Conshohocken. Several years ago he became a member of the Advisory Board of Ursinus College. At this writing arrangements for the funeral have not been completed.

First Year's Work at Homoeopathic Hospital, Pottstown.

The Homoeopathic Hospital of Pottstown, of which Dr. W. H. Corson of Collegeville is an attending physician, has closed its first year of useful work. The Hospital was opened on July 23, 1914. During the year 163 patients were admitted, 117 of whom were treated surgically. There were 90 operations of all kinds. There were 6 births at the institution and only 5 deaths, showing the low mortality of 3 per cent. In the dispensary work 48 patients were treated and over 400 re-dressings were made. The total number of "bed-days" for the year was 2375-1418 "bed-days" representing charity. There were 87 charity and 76 pay patients; a clear indication of the amount of welfare work done at the institution during the first year of its existence. Those in charge of the Hospital wish to thank all of its friends for their liberal donations during the year, and hope that the needed support will continue; for any Hospital to be successful must have the fullest co-operation of its friends.

Brakeman Fatally Injured.

From injuries sustained on Saturday, George W. Huber, a brakeman on a Pottstown shifter on the Reading Railway, died in the Pottstown Hospital. Huber was caught between two cars as he was coupling them. The accident was the third that has happened to members of the crew during the past three months, all of which were in the time block between York street and the curve at the plant of the Eastern Steel Company. Huber was attempting to straighten a knuckle and had thrown the weight of his body against the coupling when he was squeezed. He sustained a fractured pelvic bone and serious internal injuries. Deceased leaves a wife and three children.

Child Died of Poison.

Thomas Brown, aged 2 years, of a well-known Conshohocken family, died Thursday night from the effects of swallowing four strychnine pills. The child got hold of the pills which had been left on a table by the mother. The child died in agony.

\$500 Willed to Lutheran Church.

The sum of \$500 is given, each of collateral inheritance tax, to Augustus Lutheran Church, Trappe, to be applied to the cemetery fund, by the will of Charlotte E. Heyser, late of Skippack township, admitted to probate last week. Jewelry and heirlooms are given for the use of a brother, John, for life. After his death, these are to be apportioned among nieces. The residue of the estate is given to the brother, John, for life, and after his death, is to be distributed as follows: Mary Tyson Chanty, \$50; Lillian Rebecca Tyson, \$50; Norwood Penrose Tyson, \$25. Subject to the foregoing bequest, the residuary estate is to be divided equally among nephews and nieces as follows: David Custer Detwiler, Harry Detwiler, Theodore Heyser, Andrew Heyser, William Heyser, Catharine Detwiler and Mary Ellen Detwiler. The latter is named as executrix.

Big Outing at Sanatoga Park.

About 8,000 persons attended the great annual outing of the Pottstown Business Men at Sanatoga Park last Thursday, and the enjoyments of the occasion up to 9 p. m. were worth while. Then came a deluge that shut out the fireworks and ended the day's program. Many persons returned home in water-soaked garments.

COW TESTING ASSOCIATION AND FARM BUREAU TO HOLD AUTO-MOBILE EXCURSION.

The Centre Square Cow Testing Association and the Montgomery Farm Bureau will hold an automobile outing to the upper end of the county on Monday, August 23, which will prove to be very interesting to every farmer and business man in the county.

This will be the first of a series of "Know Your County" tours to be held in the next few years through the various agricultural sections of Montgomery and the neighboring counties. These will be similar to the "Know Your State" tours recommended by Governor Brumbaugh.

The trip will start from Centre Square at 8 a. m. and go by way of Centre Point, Skippack, Schwenksville, Zieglesville, Obelisk, New Hanover Square, Sassafrasville, Niantic, Bally, Palm, East Greenville, Pennsburg, Red Hill, Green Lane, Sunnyside, Salfordville, Lederach, Skippack, Centre Square. Five stops will be made: At the farms of Chas. Renninger, New Hanover Square; Oliver Landis and Nicholas Melcher, Bally; Warren Schultz, East Greenville; Wm. Landis, Pennsburg. Pure-bred swine and cattle, alfalfa, soy beans, concrete silos, corn variety test plot, etc., will be observed.

Each person is asked to bring his lunch. The lunch hour will be spent on the lawn of Warren Schultz. After lunch a representative from the Live Stock Sanitary Board will speak on the "Prevention of Tuberculosis and Hog Cholera." Prof. L. C. Tomkins of Penna. State College will then give a demonstration on the value of the Cow Testing Association which has been in operation for six months. He will illustrate his talk with the records of the cows from Mr. Schultz's herd.

The next stop will be at the farm of Wm. Landis to observe the Corn Variety test plot, which contains 15 different varieties of corn planned by the farmers of the community. Mr. Landis has a very fine field of soy beans.

The traveling schedule will approximately be as follows: Centre Square, 8 a. m.; Centre Point, 8:45; Skippack, 9:00; Schwenksville, 9:30; New Hanover Square, 10:00; Bally, 11:00; Warren Schultz's farm for lunch, 12:30 p. m.; and William Landis, 3:00 p. m.

Automobile owners are especially

urged to take their families and invite their neighbors. Those that cannot include the entire trip are invited to come to the places where stops are made en route as given above. This should prove to be a day well spent by every one and a large attendance from all parts of the county is expected.

Mother Pensions Demanded.

Attorney G. Carroll Hoover notified the County Commissioners that unless they recognize the Mothers' Pension Act passed by the Legislature in 1913, he would make application to the court to force them to do so. The act provides that the county must appropriate a similar amount to that appropriated by the State, which in this county is \$4680. The act also calls for the appointment of five or seven women to act as a Board of Trustees of the fund. The money goes to widows with dependent children, or to deserted wives with children which they must support.

Auto Thief Captured.

Late Friday night the Norristown police received a 'phone message that a Ford touring car belonging to William D. Heebner of Lansdale had been stolen from in front of Mr. Heebner's garage, and that the machine was likely to be approaching Norristown. Burgess Saul, detective Carrigan and other Adams at once proceeded out DeKalb street and as they reached Centre Square sighted the Ford car from Lansdale. After a hard chase Burgess Saul's car overtook the Ford and both car and driver were taken to Norristown, where the thief gave his name as John Mangold, alias Frank Landis, alias Thomas Dunn, and said he formerly resided in Wilmington, and latterly in Collegeville. He is now in jail awaiting trial. He is not known about here.

The Finances of the County.

The monthly report of the County Controller to the County Commissioners shows a balance of \$108,705.02 in the county treasury. The balance a month ago was \$121,254.57. There was received from various sources \$53,266.26, and disbursed \$65,815.31, of which \$37,463.30 went to meet the expenses of the county proper, \$4,912.02 for the almshouse, \$1,589.44 to the prison, \$16,990 mercantile licenses paid to the commonwealth, and the balance for expenses of the county offices.

License Transferred.

Judge Miller, Monday, granted the transfer of the license of the Limerick Square hotel from William B. Levensgood to John J. Lenney. On April 1 the license was granted by the Court to John George Weber, and on the same day was by him transferred to Mr. Levensgood. The new licensee is a Philadelphian, having resided at 3815 North Franklin street.

OSTRICH HATCHING.

According to Superintendent of Parks John W. Duncan of Spokane, Washington, the male ostrich in the Manito park zoo shared with his mate the labor of hatching seven ostrich eggs. The male ostrich sat on the eggs in the daytime and the hen ostrich took up the work at night. Besides her duties in mothering the eggs for one shift in every 24 hours, the hen ostrich added to the size of the sitting by laying another egg occasionally. The keepers at the zoo built the nest under a shed to give the ostriches protection from the weather. The hen ostrich, however, disliked the arrangement and with the assistance of her mate rolled the eggs outside into the sun, where the hatching was conducted. The hatching continued 42 days.

MORE HASTE LESS SPEED.

"More haste less speed" is a venerable warning against misapplied energy. The summer season gives additional reason to consider the value of rational well directed activity as opposed to spurts of action. The average city dweller regardless of years is apt to scurry about as if life depended upon his catching a particular train or trolley. Rushing to and fro with small consideration for those who impede his progress, he will risk life and limb to cross a street thirty seconds sooner and then gaze in a show window for ten minutes.

All this is extremely wearing on the nervous system and physically exhausting. It easily becomes a habit and if continued leads to loss of personal efficiency. A certain degree of deliberation usually insures more thoughtful and effective action and is better from the health standpoint.

To progress at moderate speed with the consideration for other people's "rights of the road" results in benefits of no small value. Your physical machinery is far more likely to meet emergencies if it is not continually running on high gear.

Then too there is much in our daily round which he who runs may not read. If we are to live rationally and think broadly it is well to make one's progress through life at a moderate pace. Your scurrying busyness is selfish even though it is unintentional. To have an eye for other peoples desires and ambitions and a consideration for their ideals may help us to achieve our own.

To live peaceably and to live happily materially aid in maintaining our physical health and vice versa. Progress is not necessarily measured by rapidity of action; consider the squirrel in the revolving cage.—Dr. Samuel G. Dixon, State Commissioner of Health.

POLITICAL FAKE STORY.

William D. Heebner, of Lansdale, candidate for the Republican nomination for Controller, writes to the editor as follows:

"A very unkind story is being circulated among Republican voters to the effect that my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Controller is for the purpose of assuring the nomination for my opponent and that before the primary election, I would withdraw in his interest. I, therefore, avail myself of the courtesy of your newspaper to say that the story is maliciously false and that my name will appear on the Republican primary ticket and be submitted to the consideration of Republican voters at the September primary.

"In the meantime, I shall endeavor to conduct my campaign in a dignified manner, believing it is just as important to be honest and fair in a political contest as in any other walk of life."

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News From Trappe

On Sunday Mrs. Mathien, Helen Keyser, Herman and Harry Mathien, and Mr. Warren Thompson toured in the "Olds" to Buck Hill Falls and returned by way of Delaware Water Gap. They covered 188 miles in about 11 hours.

Mr. Albert Dettra and friend of Illinois spent Monday with David G. Tyson.

Miss Leiss, of Philadelphia, spent a few days with Miss Annie Alderfer.

The interior of the schoolhouse is being painted and repaired.

Benjamin Zeigler lost a horse last week from lockjaw.

Mrs. Lewis Wismer and daughter Anna, of Reading, is visiting Miss Sue Fry.

Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Hench, of Cavetown, Md., are spending some time with Mrs. J. K. Beaver.

Rev. and Mrs. Kercher, of Norristown, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wisler.

Misses Helen Shuler and Katie Scheffey visited J. G. T. Miller and family of Philadelphia over Sunday.

The picnic of the Augustus Lutheran Sunday school in connection with its 30th anniversary will be held on Saturday on the church lawn. In the morning a short program will be rendered, and in the afternoon there will be a concert by the Pottstown Band and games for children and grown-ups. A large attendance is anticipated.

The Willing Workers will meet on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the U. E. church.

Mr. and Mrs. Astheimer attended the Yeger Family Reunion at Klinging Rocks park on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ballie, of Philadelphia, is spending some time at the Hade farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Reppart, of Zieglesville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wellington Hatfield.

Mr. A. F. Bertollet was appointed Health Officer by the State Bureau of Health.

Herbert Shupe and family, of Creamery, spent Sunday with Mrs. F. R. Shupe.

Benjamin Alderfer, of Souderton, spent Saturday with Mrs. Mary Alderfer.

John S. Kepler, who was engaged as an undertaker in this borough some years ago, died at his home in East Greenville last week. The funeral was held on Saturday. Interment in Goshenhoppen cemetery.

A meeting of the Lutheran club will be held this Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

The following were the recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. M

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COLLEGEVILLE, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA.

E. S. MOSER, Editor and Proprietor.

Thursday, August 12, 1915.

Two battleships left Newport, R. I., Tuesday, for Vera Cruz. The intolerable situation existing in Mexico for many months has apparently reached a crisis that demands the armed intervention of the United States. The South American Republics have been invited to unite with our Government in the enforcement of a definite policy respecting Mexico, and doubtless the invitation will be accepted.

The Board of Commissioners deserve to be heartily commended for increasing the county's appropriation to the Farm Bureau for 1915 from \$1,000 to \$1,500, thus placing Montgomery county in line with other progressive counties of the State in the important matter of assisting in the dissemination of practical and helpful information among the farmers. It is an indisputable fact that the Farm Bureau of this county, under the direction of Mr. Rothenberger, is doing excellent work among those engaged in agricultural pursuits, and having been handicapped on account of the need of funds, it was entirely proper for the Commissioners to grant the request made for an increased appropriation. The total cost of the work of the Bureau is insignificant in comparison with the sum of its helpfulness in many ways among the farmers who are taking advantage of the information placed within their reach. The Farm Bureau is all right and if it continues to be well managed it will continue to receive the unqualified support of the INDEPENDENT. The editor is glad to note that the Commissioners did well in granting additional help where help was needed and deserved. Speaking of the Commissioners the editor is reminded that they did another good thing last week when they decided to have the bridge spanning the Perkiomen at Arcola substantially improved with a new shingle roof and paint. That bridge has needed such attention for some time.

The fall of Warsaw, last week, may or may not prove to be of great permanent advantage to the German armies. For the time being the victory of the Teutons causes rejoicing at Berlin and depression at Petrograd. Further advances of the German forces will mean fighting at a greater distance from home against increasing numbers of Russians. If wholesale murder continues in that quarter until winter comes along a frigid temperature will be likely to freeze some of those who escape the death dealing implements of war.

OUR FRIDAY is of the opinion that the Judiciary contest now on may result in some surprises when the vote polled at the coming primary election is tabulated. He is by no means sure that "possession" will stand for "nine points of the law" this trip. There are several other "pebbles on the beach."

COMMISSIONER KREWSON will kindly note that the editor is in a somewhat penitential mood and disposed to do a stunt in the line of repentance, provided the Commissioner will include the editor in the circulation of invitations to the next gastronomic set-out at Jeffersonville, with D. B. as chief epicurean.

If that double-team headed for the Commissioners' office gets under full swing it might be well for some timid patriots to take to the woods until the combination clears the cross-roads. With Dr. John and Me-Too-Bill on a straight stretch, there will be a little time and room for the unwary to escape alive, but when the blooded pair takes a curve at a break-neck clip, something may happen—to pedestrians, to "horses" coming the other way, or to Dr. John and Me-Too-Bill. Whatever happens will be likely to happen quickly. The splinters can be gathered at leisure.

WM. H. FOX, of Skippack, candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff, is receiving encouragement and promises of support from a host of political friends. Skippack township, located in a section of the county where Republicans are plentiful, has not been very much on the map in recent years in the matter of obtaining special emoluments and honors by virtue of the dispensatory power of the Republican party. The time is therefore opportune for the dominant party of the county to accord a majority support to Skippack's candidate for Sheriff; a candidate fitted for the position he seeks.

It is estimated that Great Britain is paying out \$15,000,000 per day as her share of war expenses, and it is reckoned that if the fighting shall continue until April 1, 1916, the expenditures will reach \$6,466,000,000, with a deficit of over \$70,000,000. With such a condition facing the richest among the nations at war, the prospects ahead for the other powers engaged in murder must be gloomy indeed. It will not be strange if national bankruptcies hasten peace negotiations.

From the Kansas City Journal: The Germans are taking so many prisoners that it must seriously tax their resources to board them, even if they don't live on the fat of the land. It takes quite a commissary to feed 2,000,000 men every day.

A DISPATCH from Washington, D. C., August 6, reads: The United States has to-day the greatest supply of gold in its history, greater than any other nation and, probably greater than any two other nations. The gold held in the United States in the form of cash or bullion is \$2,066,399,539. At the last report England had about \$800,000,000. Practically the entire supply of gold in England is said by experts to be Government controlled. The large increase in the stock of gold in the United States represents the losses of the precious metal to this country by the principal nations in Europe on account of the vast balance of trade in our favor. The supply of gold in the world is said by experts to be the greatest to-day in history. The production in the first half of the last century was at the rate of \$15,749,000 a year. Then came the discovery of gold in California and its production jumped to an average in the next 50 years of \$124,892,000 a year. The United States is accumulating gold now at the rate of \$12,000,000 each month, based on the returns for July.

From the New York World: The simple, childlike faith of the Progressives who have stamped back to the Republican party is already vindicated. Senator Boies Penrose announces that he will introduce a new tariff bill at the next session of Congress. If anything further were needed to bring all the Bull Moose back into the Republican fold it should be the hope of a revision of the tariff under the personal direction of Boies Penrose. Senator Penrose will be, in fact, the Republican leader of the Senate in the next Congress, as Uncle Joe Cannon will be the Republican leader of the House. Such leadership cannot fail to be an inspiration to every true Progressive who is headed back to the Grand Old Party. No wonder Nephew Theodore Douglas Robinson thinks that Uncle Theodore's procrastination is due to an amiable inability to understand the situation. The Penrose theory that the war necessitates an immediate upward revision of the tariff in order to protect American industry from foreign competition after peace is re-established, has already received the official approval of George W. Perkins. The day of the Great Reconciliation is dawning.

Scientific Farming

ELECTRIC POWER AND LIGHT.

Many Farms Here and Abroad Are Served by Lines From City Stations. By FRANK KOESTER.

[Author of "Electricity For the Farm and Home."] Many farms are served by lines from city or other electric stations, and in many of the states the long distance transmission lines of numerous hydro-electric plants pass through farming communities more or less populated. These systems are usually of high tension, varying from 13,000 to 60,000, even as high as 150,000 volts. These high voltages are not used directly in motors, but they are stepped down by transformers to a suitable value, depending on the nature of the purpose to which the motor is to be applied. Likewise for use on farms and in country residences a transformer must be had to furnish a supply of electricity at a low voltage value for local distribution.

Where large tracts are to be covered on a single farm practice has proved that a voltage of about 13,000 is most suitable. Intermediate stationary or portable transformers being used to step the voltage down to that desired on the motors of the plows, thrashing machines, etc.

It is generally recognized that central stations and public utility companies are the best sources of supply from which to draw electricity, owing to their reliability, cheapness and convenience.

When the user, however, is located beyond the reach of the distributing lines of central station companies it is necessary to install an isolated plant to supply light, heat and power, and such a plant is a much more profitable investment than the installation of other kinds of power, such as individual gas, oil or steam engines, to operate the different farm machines. For the purpose of generating electricity in isolated plants various forms of power are utilized, depending on the locality and the source of fuel or water supply.

A practice much adopted abroad, particularly in Germany, where the government encourages electrically operated farms, is to install rural central stations for the purpose of supplying a number of farms, rural industries, country residences and estates with electric current. By establishing such a station, with either a steam, water, oil or gas plant, a great saving in the production of electric energy may be readily secured. Today in Germany often as high as 100 to 150 consumers are supplied with electric energy from a single rural central station such as have been installed in great numbers within the last fifteen years.

In northern Italy and throughout Switzerland also there is considerable use of the electric energy in agriculture and by small rural communities. A network of distributing lines has been formed, drawing energy from numerous and scattered sources of hydro-electric power, which are, however, interconnected. The Swiss and Italian land proprietors and small farmers throughout western Europe have taken in large numbers to the use of electric light and electric power.

Many of the German farmers carry on industries in connection with their farms, whereby they utilize their by-products, and this is the secret of the success of many well to do men. For instance, one rural central station system may serve four grain mills with five motors, having a total capacity of 105 horsepower, one tile works with a 40 horsepower motor, one sawmill with a 20 horsepower motor, four wheelwrights with motors consuming 10 horsepower and many other industries, such as cabinet making, distilling, blacksmithing, bottling works, etc., which use motors of various capacities. There are also served by the system some twenty consumers for light only, having a total of 243 incandescent lamps and five arc lamps, one mill-race and freight station with 120 incandescent lamps, one clubhouse with seventy-two lamps and six arc lights, and in addition to this, two towns are supplied, having a total of 1,692 lamps.

From the above facts and figures it is obvious that electricity can give a new stimulus to agriculture and farming, and at the same time open a new way by which the rural population can be induced to remain on the farm instead of flocking to the cities.

A Well Braced Long Ladder. Farmers who have occasion to use long ladders often find them weak and dangerous when set up at the proper angle. This can be overcome by a wire brace. Get a blacksmith to make two V shaped irons and fasten them to the side rails with small bolts. Bore small holes through the side rails. Take two pieces of No. 8 wire and fasten to the side rails at one end by passing through the holes and forming a lock by turning the end back through the holes over the V iron, pins; then pass the wire over the V iron, drawing them tight with a lever and fasten at the other ends in the same way. This brace will more than double the strength of the ladder and adds but little expense.—Farm Progress.

Time to Quit. Chief—Why did Burglar reform? Thief—The last time he drilled and blew open only contained a picture post card of the state prison.—Judge.

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POLITICAL.

JOHN H. DAGER
OF NORRISTOWN, candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY SURVEYOR
Subject to Republican rules. Primary election Sept. 21, from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

JACOB M. EIST
OF DOUGLASS TOWNSHIP, Gilbertsville P. O., Union Co., Pa., candidate for the nomination for
DIRECTOR OF THE POOR
Subject to Republican rules.

J. AUBREY ANDERSON
OF UPPER MERION, candidate for the nomination for
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Subject to Republican rules. Primaries, September 21, 1915, from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m.

W. M. H. FOX
OF SKIPPACK TOWNSHIP, candidate for the nomination for
SHERIFF
Subject to Republican rules. Primaries, Tuesday, September 21, 1915.

ABRAHAM H. HENDRICKS
OF COLLEGEVILLE, PA., candidate for the nomination for
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Subject to Republican rules. Primary election, September 21, 1915.

OWEN S. MOYER
OF NORRISTOWN, candidate for the nomination for
DIRECTOR OF THE POOR
Subject to Republican rules. Primary election, Tuesday, September 21, 1915.

GEORGE SULLIVAN
OF LOWER MERION TOWNSHIP, candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
at Republican primary election, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1915. General election, November 2, 1915.

ALEX. K. CALHOUN
OF NORRISTOWN, candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY CONTROLLER
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JOSEPH C. CRAWFORD
UPPER DISTRICT OF LOWER MERION, candidate for the nomination for
REGISTER OF WILLS
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T. DARL BUCKWALTER
OF POTTSTOWN, candidate for the Republican nomination for
RECORDER OF DEEDS
of Montgomery County. Primary election, Tuesday, September 21, 1915. 6-24

JOHN WOOD, JR.
OF CONSHOHOCKEN, candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
of Montgomery County. Primary election, Tuesday, September 21, 1915. 6-24

CHAS. H. SHAW
OF REPPERSVILLE, PA., candidate for the nomination for
REGISTER OF WILLS
of Montgomery County. Primaries September 21, 1915, 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. 6-10

J. REIN KEELER
OF HARLEYSVILLE, PA., candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
of Montgomery County. Subject to the Democratic Rules and the Direct Primary Laws. 6-10

LOUIS A. NAGLE
OGONTZ, PA., candidate for the nomination for
SHERIFF
of Montgomery County. Subject to Republican rules. 6-10

HARMAN Y. BREADY,
OF WILLOW GROVE, candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY COMMISSIONER
Subject to Democratic rules. 6-17

ROBERT C. MILLER
OF NORRISTOWN, candidate for the nomination for
REGISTER OF WILLS
Subject to Republican rules. Primaries, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1915. 6-17

CHAUNCEY J. BUCKLEY
OF NORRISTOWN, PA., candidate for the nomination for
REGISTER OF WILLS
Subject to Republican rules. Your vote and support solicited. Primaries, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1915, 7 a. m. to 7 p. m. 6-17

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JAMES A. STRETCH
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CLERK OF COURTS
Subject to Republican rules. 6-17

IRWIN H. BARDMAN
OF SCHWENKSVILLE, PA., candidate for the nomination for
COUNTY TREASURER
Subject to Republican rules. Primary election, Tuesday, September 21, 1915.

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OF CONSHOHOCKEN, candidate for the nomination for
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Subject to Republican rules. Primaries, September 21, 1915.

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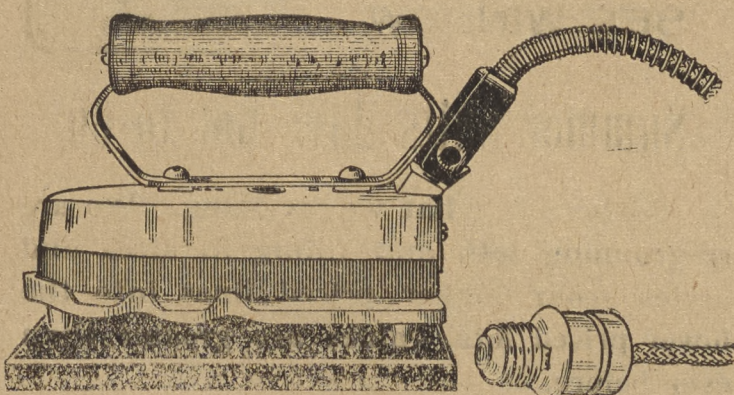
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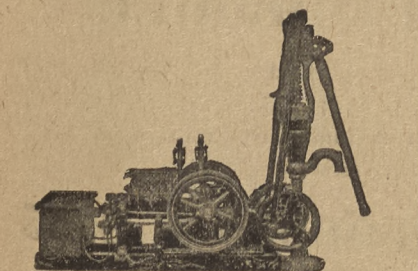
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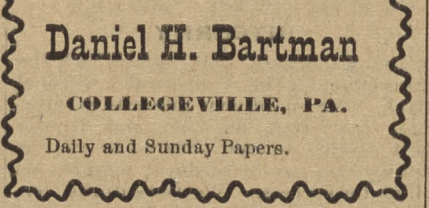
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MAKING A MATCH

For a Time It Was Considered a Thankless Job

By F. A. MITCHEL

"Martha," said Farmer Holt one

evening to his wife when she was

washing the dishes, "John Corey was

talkin' to me this afternoon. He says

he wants to get married."

"Well, why don't he?"

"There's lots of 'em in the world

to get John. He's passed out of our

youth into shore middle age. He's got

a good farm, and it's well stocked, and

he ain't got no bad habits fixed on to

him. I could name half a dozen gals

about yere that would be glad to get

him."

"He says he couldn't make up his

mind to do the courtin'."

"What's he want to do any courtin' for?"

"Courtin' for yonkers. He's too old for that, and if he marries a

woman of suitable age—some's about thirty—I reckon she won't set store by the courtin' part of it neither."

"How can a man get married without doin' any courtin'?"

"He kin jist ask the woman he wants to marry, and if she says yes they kin be married."

"But John says he doesn't know any particular woman he wants to marry."

"Mrs. Holt finished doing her dishes, put them away and, taking up a basket of stockings, began to darn them. Her husband turned to the Farmer's Helper and began to read."

"I'm thinkin'," said the wife, whose mind had got set on the matrimonial question, "that Mandy Sellers would be about what John wants. She's a first rate cook and keeps the house lookin' neat and clean all the time. She's always workin' her fingers."

"Reckon her father and mother need her."

"There's the younger sister, Susan. She could take Mandy's place. Besides, a gal has got to look out for a home of her own."

"How d'ye know Mandy would have John?"

"Humph! She'd jump at the chance."

The farmer turned to his paper. He was more interested in an article on the feeding of hogs than in providing John Corey with a wife. But the idea of making the poor man comfortable and obtaining at the same time a home for Mandy Sellers had got into Mrs. Holt's head, and she couldn't get it out.

Miss Sellers occupied the adjoining farm to the Holts, and presently leaving her husband immersed in the hog feeding problem the good woman slipped out and interviewed Mandy, telling her that John Corey wanted a wife.

She did not ask Mandy if she would like the position; she simply stated the fact. But a few days later when Mandy told her that John had got a wife yet Mrs. Holt suggested that Mandy would be about the kind of wife he should have. Mandy stammered and said he "wouldn't look at her."

One day John was at work at the elder press when he heard Mrs. Holt call him from the road. He went to her and she said, "John, I want to see you."

"No, Mrs. Holt, I ain't seen none of the Sellers family in some time."

"Fine gal, Mandy."

"Think so?"

"Good cook; knows all about a farm and specially good at dairy work."

"I want to know."

"I wonder why some of the unmarried men about yere hasn't picked Mandy up. She's gettin' on past the age for the young fellows, and there's not many middle aged men in these parts that haven't wives."

"Reckon I'm about the only one o' that kind."

"If yere wantin' a wife you couldn't do better than marry Mandy."

By and by, Mandy Sellers, who had been a difficult nut to crack, was finally won by the farmer's daughter. The wedding was held at the Sellers farm. She's a first rate cook and keeps the house lookin' neat and clean all the time. She's always workin' her fingers."

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into Farmer Holt's ears by John Corey and into Mrs. Holt's ears by Mrs. Corey. Now and again the Holts were reminded that they had made the match. John said he didn't blame Holt for his share in trying him up with a virago, but this did not cause the latter to feel especially well satisfied with himself for having done so. Mrs. Corey did not hesitate to throw all the blame for her "mistake" on Mrs. Holt.

In time these vituperations became so marked that the Holts concluded that they must do something to stop them. The only thing they could think of was to apologize for having interfered to bring the couple together. One evening after supper the dishes were cleared and the supper table and done the dishes they walked over to the Corey farm to carry out their intention. They found Mr. and Mrs. Corey at home, and the couple, not having had any reason to quarrel with each other, received the guests, if not with cordiality, at least with common civility.

The visitors talked for a time about the crops, what they were going to put into the ground for the next year and other ordinary matters. Presently Mrs. Holt looked knowingly at her husband, who, nodding his head in an effort, after clearing his throat, said:

"I want to say to you people that the blame for the mistake that has been made is all on me. I mentioned to my wife that John wanted to get married, and she reckoned that you two might be a help to each other. I didn't know that John wasn't used to havin' a clean house and—"

"I didn't know," interrupted Mrs. Holt, "that Mandy would make a fuss every time there was a bit o' dirt left on a rag carpet."

"Ain't you statin' this case or I?" asked Farmer Holt severely.

"Look a-here," said Mr. Corey, bristling. "What do you people mean by comin' yere to interfere between man and wife?"

"Ain't you got nothin' better to do than that?" asked Mrs. Corey tempestuously.

"We jist wanted to apologize for what we done in bringin' you two together, seein' that you both made a mistake in puttin' a double harness."

"Who's made a mistake?" growled Corey.

"There hasn't been any mistake," cried his wife.

Mrs. Holt was so indignant at this denial of what had been poured into her ears and her husband's ears for so long a time that she opened up the debate on a high key. Mr. Corey endeavoring to drown her words with a higher one. For a time the man threw in an occasional insult, but, finding them selves no match for the woman, dropped out, their utterances sounding like distant thunder muttering in a violent storm.

Finally Farmer Corey deserted, leaving his wife to carry on the fight alone. She then began a retreat, turning here and there to fire a parting shot. Mrs. Corey followed her on to the porch, while John went out the back door to seek quiet in the barn.

The tempest was stilling when Mrs. Holt reached the gate and was not resumed. No more reproaches were visited on Holt by Corey or on Mrs. Holt by Mrs. Corey. There was no intercourse between the families for six months. Then one day Mrs. Holt sent a mysterious looking box to Mrs. Corey. It was not returned, but a note of thanks came to the donor, with an expressed desire that the past might be forgotten. Within a few weeks from that time the stork visited the Coreys, Mr. and Mrs. Holt sent the baby a silver cup and were invited to stand as godfather and godmother at the child's christening. After the ceremony they returned with the happy parents to the baby's home.

"It beats all," said Corey to Holt, "how a little chunk of flesh like that will make a lot o' other things seem so little you can't see 'em."

"Reckon you'll find the chunk o' flesh not so little as you think," replied Farmer Holt.

"I want to thank you, Mr. Holt, for givin' me the best wife in the hull county and the baby as well."

"Don't mention it."

Meanwhile Mrs. Holt was being thanked by the mother for saving her from being an old maid and giving her the best man that ever lived, besides the baby.

A WONDROUS LAND

The Yellowstone Region as James

Bridger Saw It.

AND HE WAS A TRUTHFUL MAN

His Adventure With an Elk at the Famous Obsidian Cliff and the Effect of a Ride Through Alum Creek—Story of the Mountain That Was Cursed.

As a teller of tales Minchhausen had a worthy rival in James Bridger, the celebrated hunter, trader and guide, whose name and career are part of the pioneer history of the west. Bridger was thoroughly familiar with the region as far back as 1820.

In his book, "The Yellowstone Park," the author, Hiram Martin Chittenden, brigadier general United States army, retired, sets down some of the yarns of Bridger, about that land of wonders. Many of the Yellowstone country tales ascribed to Bridger have survived to this day, probably because they have never been capped. The first story General Chittenden tells relates to the celebrated Obsidian cliff, a mass of black volcanic glass, which the tourists are familiar. Its discovery by Bridger was the result of a hunting trip, and it happened in this way:

"Coming one day in sight of a magnificent elk, he took careful aim at the unsuspecting animal and fired. To his amazement the elk not only was not wounded, but seemed not to have heard the shot. Bridger drew considerably nearer and gave the elk the benefit of his most deliberate aim, but with the same result as before. A third and fourth effort met with similar results. Finally, exasperated, he seized his rifle by the barrel, resolved to use it as a club, since it had failed as a firearm. Rushing madly toward the elk, he suddenly crashed into an immovable vertical wall which proved to be a mountain of perfectly transparent glass, on the farther side of which, still in peaceful grazing, the elk was quietly stalling.

"Stranger still, the mountain was not only of pure glass, but was a perfect telescope lens, and, whereas the elk seemed but a few yards off, it was in reality twenty-five miles away."

Another of Bridger's discoveries was an ice cold spring near the summit of a lofty mountain, the water from which flowed down over a long, smooth slope, where it acquired such velocity that it was boiling hot when it reached the bottom. This, a later investigator of the Firehole river found, was a case in which a hot spring discharged into the river bed.

Alum creek, a tributary of the Yellowstone, received its name from an accidental discovery by Bridger. One day he forded the creek and rode out several miles and back. He noticed that the return journey was only a small fraction of the distance going and that his horse's feet had shrunk to mere points which sunk into the solid ground so that the animal could scarcely hobble along. Seeking the cause, he found it to be in the astrigent qualities of the water, which was saturated with alum to such an extent that it had power to pucker distance itself.

Bridger also found a fine place to fish: "Somewhere along the shore an immense boiling spring discharges its overflow directly into the lake. The specific gravity of the water is less than that of the lake, owing to the expansive action of heat, and it floats in a stratum of three or four feet thick

